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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 8-10 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant cancels claims 5-7 and 11.

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-4 and 8-10 are allowed.

Claims 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xie et al. (U.S. 5,644,634) in view of Timm (U.S. 4,231,103). Claims 6 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xie et al. in view of Timm, and further in view of Felder et al. (U.S. 6,370,244).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the prior art rejections of claims 5-7 and 11. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has canceled claims 5-7 and 11. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xie et al. in view of Timm, and the rejection of claims 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xie et al. in view of Timm, and further in view of Felder et al. are moot.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Continuation Application to pursue allowance of claims 5-7 and 11, which the Applicant believes are still allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4 and 8-10 are allowed, as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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